

Russia launches missile barrage at Ukraine

Energy facilities in western regions hit; residents in Kyiv take shelter as capital attacked

REUTERS

Russia launched a new barrage of missiles and drones at Ukraine yesterday, targeting gas infrastructure and other energy facilities in western regions in the latest strike on the country's hobbled power system as it approaches mid-winter.

President Volodymyr Zelensky said that the Russian forces launched over 40 missiles during the morning attack and used more than 70 drones overnight. Ukrainian air defences shot down at least 30 missiles, he said.

"Another massive Russian attack. It's the middle of winter, and the target for the Russians remains



Security forces reporting to Syria's transitional government launch a search operation in Dummar, a suburb of the Syrian capital Damascus, during their campaign to seize weapons and hunt down armed supporters of the ousted Assad leadership yesterday.

PHOTO: AFP

Negotiators appear close to sealing Gaza truce deal

27 Palestinians killed in Israeli strikes across the enclave

REUTERS, Doha

Negotiators in Qatar appeared close to sealing a deal yesterday for a ceasefire in the war in Gaza between Israel and the Palestinian group Hamas after 15 months of death and destruction.

Officials from mediators Qatar, Egypt and the US as well as Israel and Hamas said on Tuesday that an agreement for a truce in the besieged Palestinian enclave and

the release of hostages was closer than ever.

Hamas had given verbal approval to the ceasefire and hostage return proposal under negotiation in Qatar and was waiting for more information to give final written approval, a Palestinian official told Reuters.

Earlier, an Israeli official said

Hamas had agreed to the proposal shared by Qatari negotiators. Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu's office said shortly

afterward that Hamas had not yet given a response.

If successful, the planned phased ceasefire could halt fighting that has decimated Gaza.

The Israeli forces attacked about 50 targets throughout Gaza over the last 24 hours, Shin Bet and the military said yesterday.

Gaza health officials said at least 27 people were killed in the Israeli strikes, raising the death toll to 46,707 people.

unchanged: our energy infrastructure," Zelensky said in a social media post on X platform.

"Among their objectives were gas and energy facilities that sustain normal life for our people."

The capital Kyiv also came under attack, with hundreds of residents taking shelter in underground metro stations across the capital, sleeping on yoga mats and sitting on folded chairs with their pets.

The governor of Ukraine's western Lviv region said two energy facilities, in the Drohobych and Stryi districts, were damaged. In neighbouring Ivano Frankivsk, the governor said air defences were fending off Russian attacks on facilities. Both said no injuries had been reported.

Ukrainians use natural gas mainly for heating homes and cooking. The country uses gas stored over the summer months to use in winter, when daily production does not cover consumption.

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China, Lanka agree more investment, economic co-op

REUTERS, Beijing

China and Sri Lanka have agreed on more investment and economic cooperation, after China's President Xi Jinping met recently elected Sri Lankan President Anura Kumara Dissanayake in Beijing yesterday.

The countries signed a total of 15 cooperation documents, including agreements to cooperate on economic and technological development and aligning China's 'Belt and Road Initiative' with Sri Lanka's 2030 digital economy blueprint.

Dissanayake's visit to his country's largest bilateral lender comes after having first travelled to regional rival India. Colombo secured a preliminary \$10 billion bilateral debt deal rework with key lenders including China, Japan and India last June and a \$12.5 billion bondholder deal in December.

However, it needs direct agreements with China EXIM Bank and China Development Bank to lock in the deal to continue demonstrating progress to the International Monetary Fund in restructuring its foreign debt to secure further disbursements from a \$2.9 billion IMF bailout programme.

Wars top global risk in 2025: WEF

REUTERS, London

Armed conflict is the top risk in 2025, a World Economic Forum (WEF) survey released yesterday showed, a reminder of the deepening global fragmentation.

Nearly one in four of the more than 900 experts surveyed across academia and policymaking ranked conflict, including wars and terrorism, as the most severe risk to economic growth for the year ahead. Extreme weather, number 1 concern in 2024, was the second-ranked danger.

"In a world marked by deepening divides and cascading risks, global leaders have a choice: to foster collaboration and resilience, or face compounding instability," WEF Managing Director Mirek Dusek said in a statement.

THE INDIAN OCEAN Int'l power rivalry playing out in the region Says Indian defence minister

REUTERS, New Delhi

International power rivalry is playing out in the Indian Ocean region, India's Defence Minister Rajnath Singh said yesterday, adding that a strong naval presence in the key trade route was his country's biggest priority.

While Singh did not name any country, analysts say that China has been a security concern for India since ties nosedived in 2020 after 24 troops died in clashes along their Himalayan frontier.

The UK and the US also have a joint military base in the Indian Ocean island of Diego Garcia.

Chinese and Indian troops have pulled back from two face-off points after a deal was struck in October, but India's army chief told reporters this week that "a degree of stand-off" still persists.

"A large part of the world's trade and commerce passes through the Indian Ocean region. Due to geo strategic reasons, the region is also becoming a part of international power rivalry," Defence Minister Singh said.



LA firefighters hold the line against wildfires

REUTERS, Los Angeles

Firefighters on Tuesday held the line against two massive wildfires that have ravaged parts of Los Angeles for the past week, even as desert winds and a parched landscape presented extremely hazardous conditions.

Some 8,500 firefighters from at least seven states and two foreign countries prevented the blazes from growing for the second day running. Still, the fires have consumed an area the size of Washington, DC.

Winds were weaker than expected during the day on Tuesday but forecast to peak around 3:00 am yesterday, with gusts in the mountains possibly reaching 70 mph (112 kph), the National Weather Service said, as it kept a red flag warning in place.

The death toll from the fires rose by one on Tuesday to 25, according to the Los Angeles medical examiner's office. The estimate of structures damaged or destroyed held steady at over 12,000, still portending a Herculean rebuilding effort ahead.

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